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Your proposed settlement is a travesty! At the end of all these years, you seem to have accomplished absolutely *nothing*, after winning on virtually every significant point in court. Microsoft is a bloodthirsty monopolist which will *never* be stopped by your ridiculously laughable "remedies."

I write this from a Hotmail account, on a Windows-based computer. I can't get away from this crappy MS software if I tried! And what will happen in the future, as MS continues to leverage its dominant position to extend its reaches? I mean, come on: what the hell is .NET other than a thinly-veiled attempt to force us all into MS-controlled "standards?" Do you really want all *your* personal information in a Redmond depository?

I'd like to think that this monumental cave-in wasn't precipitated by the Bush appointees to your department, but of course that's not true. How many MS lobbyists have you people seen over the last year? Do you feel ashamed? Do you have any regrets? Do you even still believe in a representative democracy anymore? Nauseatingly transparent and deeply pathetic.

Thank GOD I live in California, where our justice system isn't quite as anxious to kowtow to Bill Gates' money and power. Even as you stab us all in the back, some brave souls carry on.

Good luck - the purity of humankind will be somewhat redeemed when you find it increasingly difficult to live with what you've done. The moment of realization is intense; your betrayal will haunt you for the rest of your life.

- Michael

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